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Crawling**)

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the examination on the merits. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 41c50-17800.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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A method of focused crawling, comprising:
accessing a query input, the query input including at least a first query part and a second query part;
crawling a plurality of documents, at least some of the plurality of documents including links to each other, the crawling at least partly guided by a crawl metric, the crawl metric at least partly determined by a mechanism and by the first query part; and
returning target documents, the target documents being relevant to the second query part, the target documents found from the plurality of crawled documents, the target documents returned at least partly based on a search metric, the search metric at least partly determined by the mechanism and by the second query part.